

of the snake, yet snaps at the fly moving
near its
own mouth. Men must think of the more
lasting*
happiness which comes of trusting in
God. If we
would get God to save us, however, we
should trust
fully in Him. People believe not nor have
faith but
call on God. If they believed and called,
would not
God answer? Such faith and the service to
which it
leads are greater than mere learning. He
who knows
the *Gita* is not wise; nor he who knows the
sacred
books. He only is wise \who trusts in
God. Aye!
He only! and he who serves the servants
of God.
He is wise who relies on God and can defy
the Lord"
of Death, This wisdom and service are
the only
things worth while. What are the life and
existence,
progress and movement, the word and
the being of
the man who does not act as God's
humblest servant?
The devotee should fill his daily life with
thought of
God. Let him rise at dawn, bring the holy
water and
the holy leaf and worship God betimes. A
little later
and who knows him? Let him serve God
ere time
passes, ere death comes. He should
engage in acts
of worship, look on when others worship,
sing the
song of God's praise, rejoice in the
presence of God
and speak speech concerning the Lord.
This it is that
is called merging in God. Men often think
that they
have done all that is necessary when they

pay to have
worship conducted. Worship is however a
matter of
personal contact with God* It implies
obligations that
only the devotee can carry out. It is not
considered
right, said Basavanna, to get done by
another the duty
to one's wife, or the feeding of one's body.
~No more
may a man perform the worship of his God
by another.